

### Amendments to the Abstract

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure as follows:

~~There is provided a~~ The recording apparatus ~~which detects~~ can detect the gap between a recording head and the back surface of a recording medium and can record the optimum images according to the detected gap. To this end, ~~an~~ the ink-jet recording apparatus ~~according to the present invention~~ includes a carriage for serially moving a recording head, a position ~~detecting means~~ detector for detecting the position of the carriage, ~~changing means~~ an adjusting device for adjusting a the gap between the recording head and a the back surface of a the recording medium located at a position opposing the recording head, and a recognizing ~~means~~ unit for recognizing a state of the ~~changing means~~ adjusting device based on information from the position ~~detecting means~~ detector.